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SUBJECT: QATAR DIRECTOR OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS TO ATTEND INTELSAT
CONFERENCE--WANTS CONTACT WITH U.S. FIRMS

1. MR. JALAL MAHDI, DIRECTOR OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS IN GOQ
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSPORT, WILL BE HEAD OF QATARI
DELEGATION TO INTELSAT CONFERENCE BEGINNING JULY 11 IN WASHDC.
MAHDIVERY INTERESTED IN CONTACTING US EQUIPMENT
MANUFACTURERS AND SUPPLIERS, PARTICULARLY THOSE WITH EXPERTISE IN
DIGITAL TELEPHONE EQUIPMENT. MAHDI HAS REQUESTED EMBASSY AND
USDOC ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING CONTACTS.

2. MAHDI WILL BE IN WASHINGTON JULY 10 THROUGH 18. HE HAS
RESERVATIONS AT ANTHONY HOUSE HOTEL AND CAN BE CONTACTED THERE
OR AT INTELSAT CONFERENCE.

3. MAHDI ALSO EXPRESSED INTEREST IN VISITING TELEPHONE EXCHANGES
AND INSTALLATIONS WHICH HAVE COMPLETED OR ARE IN PROCESS OF
MODERNIZING, I.E., REPLACING ANALOGUE EQUIPMENT WITH DIGITAL
EQUIPMENT.

4. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE USDOC ASSISTANCE TO MR. MAHDI WHO
HAS PROVEN TO BE A VALUABLE EMBASSY CONTACT. MR. MAHDI'S
POSITION ALLOWS HIM TO DETERMINE, IN LARGE PART, WHICH COUNTRY
WILL SUPPLY EQUIPMENT TO RAPIDLY EXPANDING AND MODERNIZING
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